

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for preventing or reducing plaque or plaque build-up in an individual comprising contacting all or a portion of the individual's oral cavity with a non-aqueous composition comprising a carboxyvinyl polymer, a humectant, a polyethylene glycol and about 0.25 to about 10% by weight bioactive glass particles having an average particle size of less than 20 microns for a time effective to prevent or reduce plaque or plaque build-up.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the contacting is continued for more than about 30 seconds.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the contacting is continued for about 30 seconds to about 2 minutes.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the carboxyvinyl polymer is a carbomer.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the humectant is glycerin, sorbitol, propylene glycol or mixtures thereof.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the non-aqueous composition further comprises a dentally acceptable abrasive.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the dentally acceptable abrasive is a silica abrasive.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the non-aqueous composition further comprises a thickening silica.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the non-aqueous composition comprises about 2 to about 5% by weight bioactive glass particles.

10. (Previously Presented) A method for preventing or reducing gingivitis in an individual comprising contacting the individual's oral cavity with a non-aqueous composition comprising a carboxyvinyl polymer, a humectant, a polyethylene glycol and

about 0.25 to about 10% by weight bioactive glass particles having an average particle size of less than 20 microns for a time effective to prevent or reduce gingivitis.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the contacting is continued for more than about 30 seconds.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the contacting is continued for about 30 seconds to about 2 minutes.

13. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the carboxyvinyl polymer is a carbomer.

14. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the humectant is glycerin, sorbitol, propylene glycol or mixtures thereof.

15. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the non-aqueous composition further comprises a dentally acceptable abrasive.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the dentally acceptable abrasive is a silica abrasive.

17. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the non-aqueous composition further comprises a thickening silica.

18. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the non-aqueous composition comprises about 2 to about 5% by weight bioactive glass particles.

Claims 19-34 (Cancelled)

35. (New) A method for preventing or reducing plaque or plaque build-up in an individual comprising contacting all or a portion of the individual's oral cavity with a non-aqueous composition comprising a carboxyvinyl polymer, a humectant, a polyethylene glycol and about 2 to about 5% by weight bioactive glass particles having an average particle size of less than 20 microns for a time effective to prevent or reduce plaque or plaque build-up.

36. (New) A method for preventing or reducing gingivitis in an individual comprising contacting the individual's oral cavity with a non-aqueous composition comprising a carboxyvinyl polymer, a humectant, a polyethylene glycol and about 0.25 to about 10% by weight bioactive glass particles having an average particle size of less than 20 microns for a time effective to prevent or reduce gingivitis.